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Facsimile Amendment and Response To July 3, 2002 Office Action And Petition For Four Month Extension Of Time

This paper is filed by facsimile in response to the July 3, 2002 Office Action issued by Examiner Shukla in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action was due on August 3, 2002. Applicants hereby request a four month extension of time, from August 3, 2002 to December 3, 2002. Authorization is given to charge Deposit Account No. 07-1074 in the amount of the fee for a four month extension of time. With the extension of time a response is due on December 3, 2002 and therefore this response is being filed timely.

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the subject application. Examiner Shukla has indicated that claims 1-15 are subject to restriction and election of species.

In response to the Office Action, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-10 for prosecution.

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In addition, applicants elect the species of treatment of Fabry's Disease in response to the

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Examiner's requirement for the election of a species. Currently claims 1, 2 and 5 of Group I read on the elected species. Applicants understand that if a generic claim is allowed, claims to additional species will be considered as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance, Examiner Shukla is invited to telephone applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

No fee, other than the fee for a four month extension of time, is required in connection with this filing. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of the additional fee to Deposit Account No. 07-1074.

Respectfully submitted,

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